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TO THE HEADS OF ALL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:

I have today issued an Executive Order entitled "Security Requirements for Government Employment". This order establishes a security program for the Executive Branch of the Government and revokes Executive Order No. 9835 of March 21, 1947, under which the loyalty program is operated. The order extends the application of the provisions of the Security Act of August 26, 1950, 64 Stat. 476, to all the departments and agencies of the Federal Government to which it has not heretofore been applicable.

With the issuance of this order, I have requested the Civil Service Commission to establish and effectuate a procedure whereby each department and agency of the Government will be furnished competent and disinterested Government employees from outside the department or agency concerned to sit as members of the security hearing boards. Such boards, which would be composed of not less than three persons, would, in accordance with the Act of August 26, 1950, be established by the head of the department or agency concerned and would act in an advisory capacity in making their findings and recommendations to the head of such department or agency.

I request the head of each department and agency to designate, as requested by the Civil Service Commission, persons possessing the highest degree of integrity, ability, and good judgment to be available for service as members of security hearing boards of other departments and agencies.

I have arranged that the Attorney General supply to the head of each department and agency sample regulations designed to establish minimum standards for the implementation of the security program under this order.

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